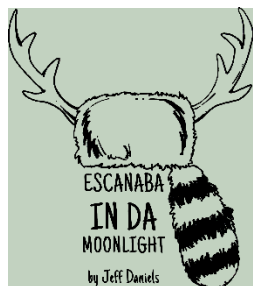


Spotlight on...



Fremont Community Theatre

more than a stage in your life



"Escanaba in Da Moonlight" Features All-Star Cast

by Cyndi HineLine

Thirty-five-year-old Reuben Soady can't catch a break. He is "the oldest Soady in the history of Soadys" to never bag a buck, and he is willing to try anything and everything to get rid of that reputation. As we observe the Soady males in their natural habitat - a hunting cabin in the Upper Peninsula - we first meet our narrator Albert, Reuben's father, played by Tim Bolton of Fremont. Sam Waugaman of Sandusky portrays Reuben's younger brother Remnar, who is "not da sharpest tool in da shed" but a good hunter. And then, of course, there's Reuben himself, played by Ben Archer of Clyde.

Possibly the most outrageous character, Jimmer Negamanee, is portrayed by Michael PJ Foos of Gibsonburg. Quite the odd duck, Jimmer claims to have been abducted by aliens for an entire weekend and came back...different. Rounding out the cast are Steve Koenig of Huron, who appears as Ranger Tom T. Treado from Detroit, and Laura Buchanan of Gibsonburg as Wolf Moon Dance, Reuben's wife.

FCT welcomes Griff Allen to FCT for his directorial debut at FCT. Best known for his work with the Genoa Civic Theatre, Griff says he has been enjoying working with this cast a great deal. Among quite a bit of male bonding and boyish humor, there is a heart to this comedy that will appeal even to the most sensible audience member. *(continued on Page 2)*



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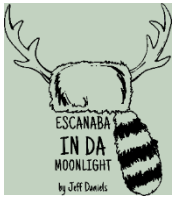
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"Escanaba in Da Moonlight" will run from March 13-15 and 20-22, 2015.

"Escanaba in Da Moonlight" is presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

"ESCANABA" TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

March 13-15, 20-22 Fridays/Saturdays 8:00 pm, Sundays 2:00 pm

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Reserve your tickets now by calling the Box Office at 419-332-0695 or by visiting our website www.fremontcommunitytheatre.org



Cast Announced for "Gypsy"

FCT, Director Diane Cepeda, Assistant Director Ember Ollom and Musical Director Bob Bell

are pleased to announce the cast for our upcoming production of "Gypsy," a musical comedy by Arthur Laurents, Stephen Sondheim, and Jule Styne. "Gypsy" is based loosely on the memoirs of famous striptease artist Gypsy Rose Lee.

Known for such numbers as "Everything's Comin' Up Roses," "Let Me Entertain You," "Rose's Turn," and "You Gotta' Get a Gimmick," FCT is excited to be producing this classic.

Rose: Candi Cantrell

Young Louise: Makenna Book

Louise: Crystal Camden

Young June: Madison Wilson

June: Alexis Schmidt

Herbie: John Ball

The Newsboys: Aydin Manuel, Alyssa Cress, Libby Cloud

Tulsa: Ryan Book

The Other Farmboys: TBA

The Hollywood Blondes: Taylor Roth, Lauren Felkel, Taylor Adams, Rachel Hofacker, Kaitlin Phillips, Kalee Hemby

Tessie: Cyndi Hineline

Mazepa: Ashleigh Mays

Electra: Melissa Joseph

Uncle Jocko: Danny Stratton

Balloon Girl: Jonnie Laird

Kids: Tayla Manuel, Taylor Ferguson, Haley Wilson, Azlynn Rich

Moms: Tori Waldo, Addison Waldo, Marissa Rey-Reyes, Rachel Zamora

Kringelein: Ted Ball

Miss Cratchitt: Stephanie Book

Several Miscellaneous Non-Singing Male Roles: TBA

As you might see, there is a definite need for more men, so if you know a man who might want to do a walk-on role or a male teen who can join us for just a couple songs and a few lines, please send them our way!

Of course as usual, there will also be a need for help with technical aspects of the show. Michael PJ Foos is designing a set that will need "all hands on deck" on Saturday mornings, for all who can spare a couple of hours, and Technical Director Jim Gruss is working on designing lighting and sound. Donna Wollenslegel and Mike Amos might be able to use some help as they pull props together, and Sue Stotz can usually use seamstresses to sew those things that just can't be found in our costume loft! Ember Ollom and Daleen Askins are working to put together a live pit, for those interested in playing an instrument for the show. And, as always, stage crew is helpful to have!

We are also glad to welcome aboard Pam Shirtz from Sandusky, who will be doing some of the more difficult adult choreography. We could still use someone to help with the kids' dances, however. Please contact FCT if interested.

Congratulations to all, and much thanks to everyone who auditioned! There were a lot of talented folk who auditioned, and many tough decisions were made.

"Gypsy" will be presented on May 1-3 and 8-10 with special permission from Tams-Witmark. For more information, please contact the director or leave a message at 419-332-0775.

Letter from the President

by Cyndi HineLine, Madame President

I am so excited to be a part of FCT as we prepare to enter our 60th Season. I am truly seeing an outpouring of the spirit of Community everywhere I turn. There are a great deal of people turning out for set construction. We are seeing more and more people backstage, learning the more technical aspects of the theatre. Many folks are volunteering to do things that we previously had to beg people to do.

I am also pleased to welcome two new directors to FCT for our next two shows: Griff Allen ("Escanaba in Da Moonlight") and Diane Cepeda ("Gypsy"). Griff hails from Genoa Civic Theatre, and we are glad to have him for this show, which he is extremely familiar with (having directed it once already). Diane has already been getting to know the FCT community, as she occasionally attends set construction, and has held multiple production meetings already.

It's a joy to see our membership growing, and definitely a positive to see excitement in the eyes of our members when they talk about FCT. When you think about businesses that have lasted 60 years, you know that it's because of people who care enough to build, and to continue building, the community around the business. Thanks to each of you for keeping our community alive!

FCTT Wraps up "Moon Over the Brewery"



The cast and crew of "Moon Over the Brewery" wish to thank everyone who came out to support them!

Also, Congratulations to Darla Brown, who bought the winning ticket for "Miriam's Dream," a quilt which I'm sure she will treasure for a long time to come!

FCT Board of Directors

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Members at Large:	Jennifer Abdo Michael PJ Foos Rick Holland

The Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the FCT lobby. These are open to all members to attend. If you have business with the Board, the Chairman requests that you contact her beforehand to be placed on the Agenda.

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Send info to Cyndi HineLine, Editor
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Alternatively, advanced online purchasing may be done through PayPal by visiting www.fremontcommunitytheatre.org

**We encourage reservations and
advanced purchasing to
reduce the time you stand in line!**

More Than a Stage in Your Life: THE SCOTT AND PJ (OR THE PJ AND SCOTT) SHOW!

by Cyndi Hineline, Michel PJ Foos and Scott Havice

If you haven't been following FCT on Facebook, you may have missed one of the more fun marketing ventures that FCT has recently undertaken. Recently, Scott Havice and Michael PJ Foos took the time to answer some questions about their YouTube Show, which can be found by anyone who has internet access at:

www.youtube.com/fremonttheatre

Q: *There seems to be some confusion over the title of your show. Is it "The Scott and PJ Show," or "The PJ and Scott Show"?*

Scott: Yes

PJ: Most certainly

Q: *Why YouTube?*

Scott: It's because you told us to make videos for YouTube. It is not in our pay grade to question why. Actually we were hoping to broaden FCT's demographic in a way that is reflective of how many of today's consumers get information.

PJ: Really, I just like the word 'tube'!

Q: *How long does it take to put one of your shows together?*

PJ: Our last video probably took around 7 hours. This included conception, filming, and editing.

Scott: It would take a lot longer if we didn't have the expertise and guidance of Floyd Collins. Many of the effects would not be possible without his knowledge of film editing.

PJ: We come up with ideas and Floyd helps us make them happen.

Q: *How much footage do we actually see compared to what you shoot?*

PJ: For just our intro and closure we probably have at least an hour of video for a couple of minutes of final product.

Scott: We have to start and stop a lot because PJ doesn't know what he is doing. I however rarely make mistakes.

PJ: Yeah right! I think we can disprove that when we come out with our upcoming bloopers reel.



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Q: *You seem like you are having fun when you make the videos. Is that real, or are you acting?*

PJ: He's having fun, I'm acting.

Scott: At the very least we want to make sure we are amusing ourselves.

PJ: We want to make it fun for everyone. We enjoy riffing off of each other. We like to come up with things that make us giggle but also inform the public about FCT and its offerings.

Q: *You filmed the last video from the moon. Are you going to shoot on location for future videos?*

Scott: That depends on the budget for each show. We are really pulling for the playreading committee to choose South Pacific for next year's 60th anniversary season as long as they do it in January.

PJ: With our luck they will pick Donte's Inferno for the July show.

Q: *Do you ever have guests on your show?*

Scott: We have done a couple of videos with guests. Clearly you are not one of the seventeen people that actually watch our videos.

PJ: We have been surprised by the number of people that have watched the episodes.

Scott: Even taking away all of the times my mom watches it.

Q: *How can someone be a part of "The Scott and PJ (or is it The PJ and Scott) Show"?*

PJ: I'm not going to dignify that question with an answer. It's obviously the PJ and Scott show.

Scott: Money talks. Oh, and it's the Scott and PJ show.

Q: *You are most well-known as actors on the FCT stage. How has Fremont Community Theatre been "More Than a Stage in Your Life"?*

PJ: I've been a part of FCT for the past 34 years. I met my wife here, we got married on stage by a member of the theatre, and our kids call FCT their second home. It's a hobby the whole family enjoys and I can't imagine my life without FCT.

Scott: What he said except my wife just enjoys getting me out of the house.

Membership Matters

Elections

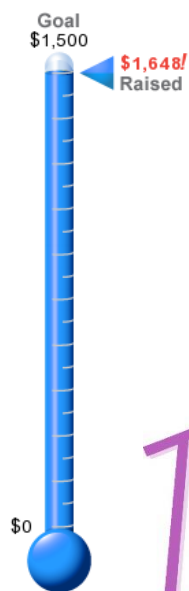
It's just about that time! Delilah Foos, Mary Jo Foos, and Mindie Ottney will be contacting each and every one of our members to complete the acting Board for our 60th Season. If you are interested in running for an Officer or a Board seat, or if you would like to nominate someone for one of those positions, please feel free to beat them to the punch, and give them a call! As usual, elections will be held at our April Membership Meeting.

Membership Meetings

In January, the FCT Members gathered at The Garden House for dinner and a meeting. Miss Grace served us homemade Caesar salad, lasagna, chicken, and – best of all – pie! A great time was had by all and it was decided by all that we want to come back!

Our next membership meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18th at Hayes United Methodist Church. It's a very important meeting, where we will be holding elections, confirming our 60th Season, and voting on a few other important Membership Matters. Please keep an eye out for your invitation in the mail and plan on attending if you can!

Giving Tuesday 2014



On December 2, 2014, FCT participated in Giving Tuesday – a day dedicated to giving back to those organizations and communities that mean something to you. In that one day, we raised over \$1,600.00! We have applied for a grant through the Toledo Community Foundation to match up to \$1,000.00 of this total. Many gifts were sent in by former Teen Theatre members, those who are no longer able to attend performances, friends and family of current members, and of course a few FCT Members themselves. A list of donors may be found in our upcoming programs at FCT.

Thank you to all of our donors! We look forward to participating in Giving Tuesday 2015!

Thank You!

Mortgage News

Treasurer Jim Gruss is pleased to announce that FCT now officially owns our lovely seats! Thank you kindly to all those who have donated to FCT over the last many years to help us pay them off!

Youth Theatre News

Youth Theatre camp will be back this year, and information will be announced online and in schools before the next newsletter is out!



News!

Excerpted from the January Board Meeting Minutes:

Aara Wise noted we have new Honorary Life Members: Marty & Cathy Williams from Fort Findlay Playhouse who are moving to New Hampshire leaving behind great contributions to Ohio Community Theatre.

The Finance Division wants to remind everyone to start thinking about their baskets for silent auction at Conference. The 2015 theme is From Boardwalk to Broadway. The OCTA ebay store is online and can be found at octalogitems. NW Rep Harley Berry says you can make your Patron contribution at the ebay store and you need to keep checking back for new items and specials on clearance items. There will be two \$500 scholarships awarded this year. Scholarship forms can be found on OCTA's website and are due by May 1.

Regional festival dates: **June 6-7 is Northwest in Montpelier**; June 13 is Southeast in Coschocton; June 14 is Central at a place TBA; June 20 is NorthEast in Niles at TNT; June 25-27 is Southwest in Hamilton; and West is July 12 in Beavercreek.

Cuelines, the OCTA newsletter, may be viewed online at <http://www.ohiocommunitytheatre.org/cuelines>

Committee News

- ❖ The next **Playreading Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.** at Chuck and Candi Cantrell's House. We will be voting on our 60th Season selection at this meeting, so attendance is very important if you are a part of Playreading. Contact Linda Bower or Pete Lowry if you have any questions. Come help us choose our 60th Season!
- ❖ Much thanks to Candi Cantrell who has offered to be the **Fundraising Committee** Chairperson! We are currently having these meetings in conjunction with the 60th Season Planning Committee, so if you have any fundraising ideas you wish to share, please attend these meetings or contact Candi.
- ❖ The first **60th Season Planning Committee** meeting took place on February 7th at Chuck and Candi Cantrell's house. Much fun was had as we discussed how we would like to celebrate this milestone in FCT's life! It's never too late to be a part of this, and the next meeting will be on **Saturday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m.**, again at Chuck and Candi's. Bring a dish to share, and be prepared to have some lively discussion! For information, please contact Chuck Cantrell or PJ Foos.

Seeking Donations

If you wish to help out FCT in ways that are a little less obvious, here are some ideas!

- ❖ Hang some posters up to help advertise a show. They will be at FCT for pickup four weeks before each Opening Night.
- ❖ Live somewhere that gets a lot of traffic? Put a yard sign in your yard!
- ❖ Offer to be a House Manager for the run of a Show. Contact a Board Member to learn what that entails.
- ❖ Become a Patron, Sponsor, or Supporting Advertiser.
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Do you like to eat? On March 7 from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., there will be a Community Fundraiser at the Bob Evans in Fremont. The Fremont Community Teen Theatre will get 15% of all receipts paid during that day, so come on out for breakfast, lunch OR dinner! Be sure to bring the attached flyer above, so that they will get the credit.

Please tell all of your friends and family, and give them a copy of the flyer to bring. Help keep Fremont Community Teen Theatre a part of our legacy!

The teens will be meeting on March 1 at 2:00 to select their summer show. Please remember that teens who would like to vote must be paid members of Teen Theatre. Those not paid up for this year and wish to cast a vote should bring \$5.00 with them to the meeting. FCTT membership is open to all those who will be between 13 and 19 by mid-July 2015.



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Coming Up!

- March 1 FCTT Voting Meeting 2pm
- March 1-2 "Gypsy" Auditions 7pm
- March 10....."Escanaba in da Moonlight" F&F Dress 7:30pm
- March 10.....Playreading Mtg (Cantrell's House) 7pm
- March 13-15, 20-22 "Escanaba in da Moonlight" Performances
- March 17..... Board Mtg 7pm
- April 3..... Newsletter Deadline 5pm
- April 12..... FCTT Meeting – Audition Prep 2pm
- April 18..... Spring Membership Meeting – ELECTIONS 6pm
- April 21..... Board Meeting 7pm
- April 28..... "Gypsy" F&F Dress 7:30pm
- May 1-3, 8-10 "Gypsy" Performances
- May 3-4 Teen Theatre Auditions 7pm

Please Note All Dates and Times are Subject to Change



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